

Small Group Material

Transforming Miracles - The Best is Yet to Come John 2.1-11

Over the next seven weeks we will be looking at the seven signs in John's gospel. Tom Wright describes them as, 'Moments when heaven is opened, when the transforming power of God bursts into the world.'

Welcome (10 mins)

What is the funniest/most unusual thing you've witnessed at a wedding? (Or a party)

Worship (10 mins)

Ask people to think quietly of ways in which God has transformed their life, turning water into wine. Or ways you have seen him work in others.

Then play 'Our God' by Chris Tomlin.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O5d_gm9zrnY

Thank God for his wonderful transforming power.

Word (30-40 mins) Read John 2.1-11.

A. Move quickly through this section as it's so well known.

Why do you think Jesus went to this wedding?

Why did Jesus' mother ask Jesus to do something about the wine?

How do you think the bridegroom felt when he heard about the new wine?

Why do you think Jesus performed his first miracle at a wedding feast?

B. Leaders notes *The use of these water jars is significant because they were used for purification rites in the Old Testament tradition. The miracle of turning water into wine shows us Jesus' power, not only to forgive, but also to transform our lives through the Holy Spirit and bring great joy in serving Him - some thing which was missing in the OT.*

What significance do you see in this miracle?

In v.11, what does John mean by calling Jesus' miracles 'signs'?

C. In our lives? (10 mins)

(What sign led you to put your faith in Jesus Christ?)

What is the 'wine level' (zest for living) in your life at the moment? (Be as open as you can)

What is draining you?

What in your life feels like stagnant water? How could Jesus change things?

Minister to each other for the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh.

You may want to use this prayer:

Almighty God,

Whose Son revealed in signs and miracles

The wonder of your saving presence:

Renew your people with your heavenly grace,

And in all our weakness

Sustain us by your mighty power;

Through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,

Who is alive and reigns with you,

In the unity of the Holy Spirit,

One God now and forever. Amen

Witness (10 mins)

Let's keep praying for the gift week.

Among you family and friends, who would you like to see God's transforming power?